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**To:** [Ruhl, Christopher](#); [Bradsher, Jamie](#)  
**Cc:** [Smalley, Bryant](#); [Crossland, Ronnie](#); [Petersen, Chris](#)  
**Subject:** RE: (E15601) Mid Valley Pipeline Oil Spill - Enforcement History Request  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 14, 2014 10:23:39 AM  
**Attachments:** [Mid-Valley Fed and KY Complaint.WPD.docx](#)

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Here's a copy of a Word complaint I found in my Lotus Notes archives from DOJ.

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**From:** Ruhl, Christopher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2014 8:42 AM  
**To:** Bradsher, Jamie; Salinas, Amy; Quinones, Edwin  
**Cc:** Smalley, Bryant; Crossland, Ronnie; Petersen, Chris  
**Subject:** (E15601) Mid Valley Pipeline Oil Spill - Enforcement History Request

We are currently responding to a large oil spill in north Louisiana. The RP for the incident is Mid Valley Pipeline which is mostly owned by Sunoco. Bryant recalls that we have had previous enforcement cases against the RP in the past. Can you provide some information related to past enforcement? Below is a brief summary of the incident. Give me a call if you have any questions.

At about 0830 hours on October 13<sup>th</sup>, Mid Valley Pipeline reported a pressure drop on their 20" crude oil pipeline near Moorinsport, LA. They shut in the line and initiated a ground assessment discovering the leak at approximately 1130 hours. Mid Valley reported 4000 bbls spilled which they have indicated is a worst case scenario but it is too early in the cleanup process to gauge the volume spilled accurately. EPA has classified the spill as a "major". Oil went into Miller Creek and then into the Tete Bayou. Tete Bayou flows into Caddo Lake. Utilizing boom the oil has been contained within Tete Bayou approximately ½ mile upstream of Caddo Lake. An additional boom has been placed within Caddo Lake as a precautionary measure. At this time no oil has entered Caddo Lake. The impacted area is rural and there are only three residences located along the spill pathway. The nearest residence is out of town and the other two declined Mid Valley's offer to provide financial assistance to evacuate the area. EPA's OSC and START contractors met with the Louisiana State Police and Mid Valley personnel near the spill location at 20:30. EPA contractors conducted air monitoring



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near the closest point to a residence and there were no significantly elevated readings observed. Cleanup activities today were limited due to severe weather early and limited daylight following the storms. There are two setup recovery points and cleanup operations will go on overnight. Mid Valley is mobilizing additional resources tomorrow to address the spill. EPA has been in contact with PHMSA and has received the pipeline's Facility Response Plan. Objectives for Tuesday will include establishing unified command, continuing the assessment to determine the extent of impact (air, water and wildlife), ensuring appropriate resources are mobilized and continuing the containment and recovery of oil.

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